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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some parts of one of the engine of Air India ferry flight AI 3803 to Jeddah fell off during its take offfrom the Chhatrapati Shivaji Airport recently and the flight had to be called back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted for fixing responsibility for the laxity in the checking the aircraft before certifying its air worthiness;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): On 25th February, 2003, just after take-off of Boeing 747-200 aircraft on Mumbai/Jeddah sector, Airports Authority of India staff, found several pieces of side cowls (which provide streamlined cover for the engine) on main runway. The aircraft was called back to Mumbai. During inspection, both the side cowls from No.2 engine were found missing.

(c), (d) and (e): The detailed investigation is being carried out by Air India`s Permanent Investigation Board(PIB).Necessary action will be taken based on the findings and recommendations of PIB report.